



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with African American Youth Harvest Foundation to provide mental health services to African American youth and other historically disadvantaged populations residing Austin and/or Travis County, in an amount not to exceed \$140,000.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$140,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

This action will authorize negotiation and execution of a new agreement with African American Youth Harvest Foundation (AAYHF) to address mental, physical and social health issues that are negatively impacting African Americans and Hispanics residing in the North-Central and Eastern areas of Travis County through a direct and wraparound support-service-model. The scope of services will include mental health and stress management workshops; health education and awareness; wraparound and basic needs support; referrals to advanced care as required; and establishment of a feedback loop to ensure the community's voice is carried forward into future efforts by AAYHF, Austin Public Health, and other partners in the field

AAYHF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that works cooperatively with local school districts and institutions of higher education to identify barriers preventing academic achievement and eliminate the academic achievement gap between African Americans and other at-risk populations.

### **Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment.